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The New Mexico Boys Ranch is a 2,350 acre Christian home for abandoned, abused and neglected boys located on the east bank of the Rio Grande, twenty miles south of Belen.

The Ranch was started in 1944 by Al Buck and a group of area businessmen. In the early 1950's Mr. and Mrs. Buck were killed in a tragic airplane accident and the following years were difficult ones for the Ranch. There were almost twenty years of severe financial hardships. In 1968 the Ranch developed a ten-year building program.

Today the Boys Ranch is the home of 50 boys living in four beautiful modern cottages. There is also a swimming pool, gymnasium, library, health clinic and livestock facilties. The boys attend local schools and churches in Belen.

The Boys Ranch is presently developing a New Mexico Girls Ranch, a foster home program and a small satalite boys home near Melrose. The Boys Ranch has been home for over 2,000 boys since its beginning. It is operated entirely from farming and ranching activities and private donations. There are no government monies involved - a tribute to the wonderful people of the great state of New Mexico and the Rio Grande Valley.

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